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Murmansk

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Berents and Kara Seas

merchant vessels were observed in port. two Soviet
of the vessels was discharging coal and the other was loading phosphate. one

breaker believed to be the ERMARK a Soviet ice
could be of assistance. The two pilots picked up at Murmansk were from Leningrad

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Yenisei River to Igarka

The only port seen 50X1-HUM
between Dixon Island and Igarka was Dudinka, which was said to have berthing facilities for more than three ships. Others were being constructed. 50X1-HUM
Dudinka was growing rapidly and coal and timber were shipped from 50X1-HUM
there. A number of cranes were observed there, described as "ordinary cranes." 50X1-HUM
Types and number were unknown. 50X1-HUM

5. Observations at Igarka

The only industry in Igarka was the big lumber yard and mill where a labor shortage was said to exist, especially in winch operators.

Women did most of the work except the heavy manual labor. A small airfield was believed to be in the vicinity as a small plane was observed landing and then taking off at about 1000 each day. No military personnel were observed in the area with the exception of the guard.

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There were berthing facilities for three ships at Igarka

No Soviet ships were seen at any time in the Yenisei River, as foreign chartered ships are used during seasons of good weather and Soviet ships are used later in the season when chartered ships will not operate in the area. Foreign chartered ships are not able to obtain insurance to operate in the area later in the season.

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Observations in the Yenisei River, Kara Sea and Berents

Sea

no dredging operations were observed, no evidence of mines or coastal defenses were seen and no jet aircraft were seen.
strong current flowing seaward from the mouth of the Ob River.

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[redacted]

[redacted] At one point in the river, believed to be between Igarka and Dudinka, there is a bar which will not permit ships with drafts of over 21 feet to pass during the months of July and August.

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[redacted] Just east of Murmansk a number of small fishing vessels were seen heading for the White Sea. They were said to be old, in bad condition, and all less than 100 feet in length. Just before [redacted] Murmansk approximately 30 submarines and 20 destroyers were sighted, apparently out on maneuvers. They were believed to be operating out of Murmansk.

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[redacted] All of the ships were painted gray and nothing unusual was noticed about the conning towers or superstructures. The submarines were described as small and medium but were accompanied by two large ones. The two large subs were observed from approximately one-half mile; they were underway and their engines were said to be unusually loud.

7. Observations at Murmansk

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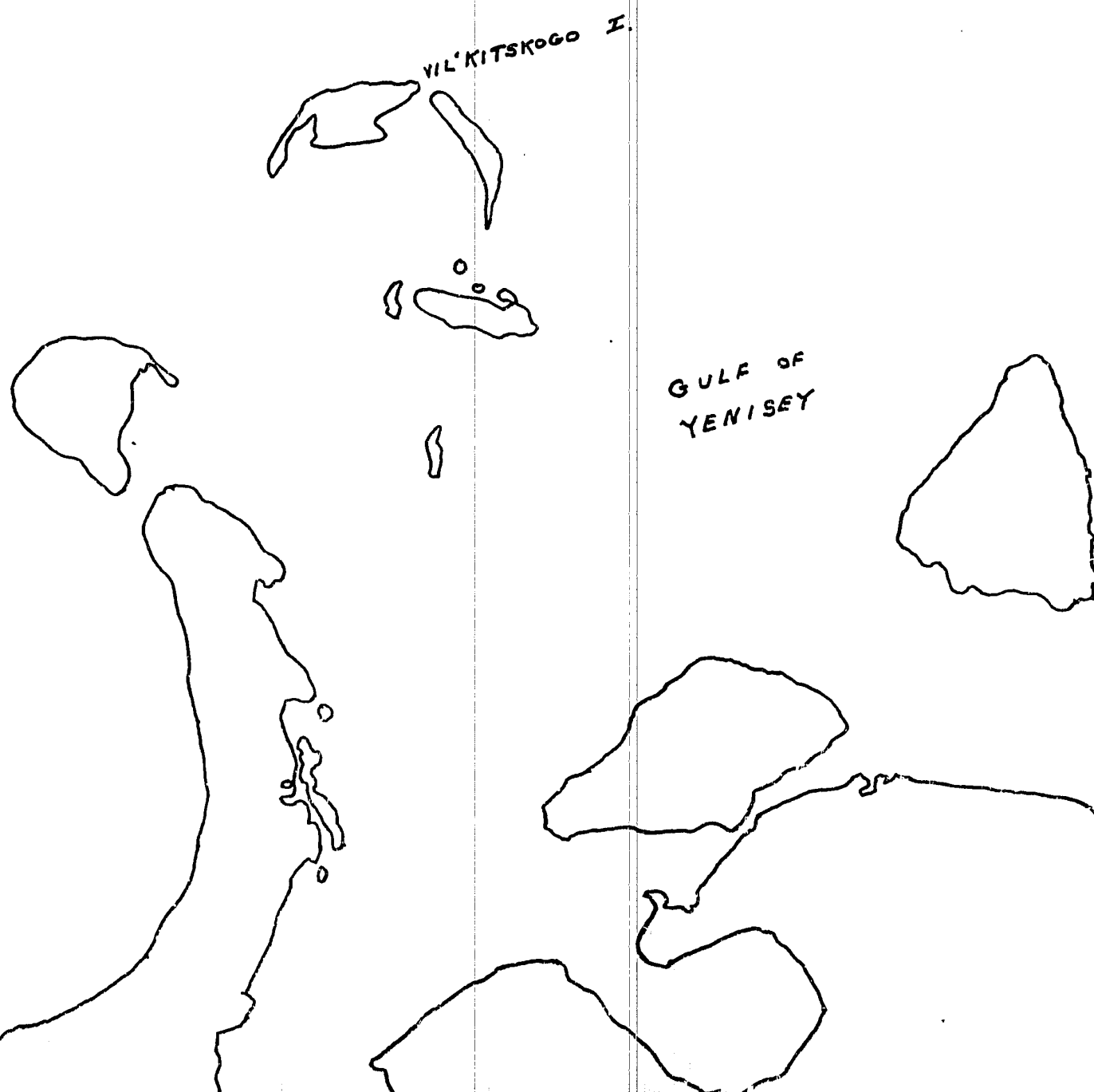
[redacted] Six two-stack destroyers were observed tied up at the Murmansk dock yards. They appeared to be new and work was underway on them. Apparently no armaments had been placed on them, as none were observed. All were red-lead. No ship ways were observed in the area, and apparently no other construction was going on.

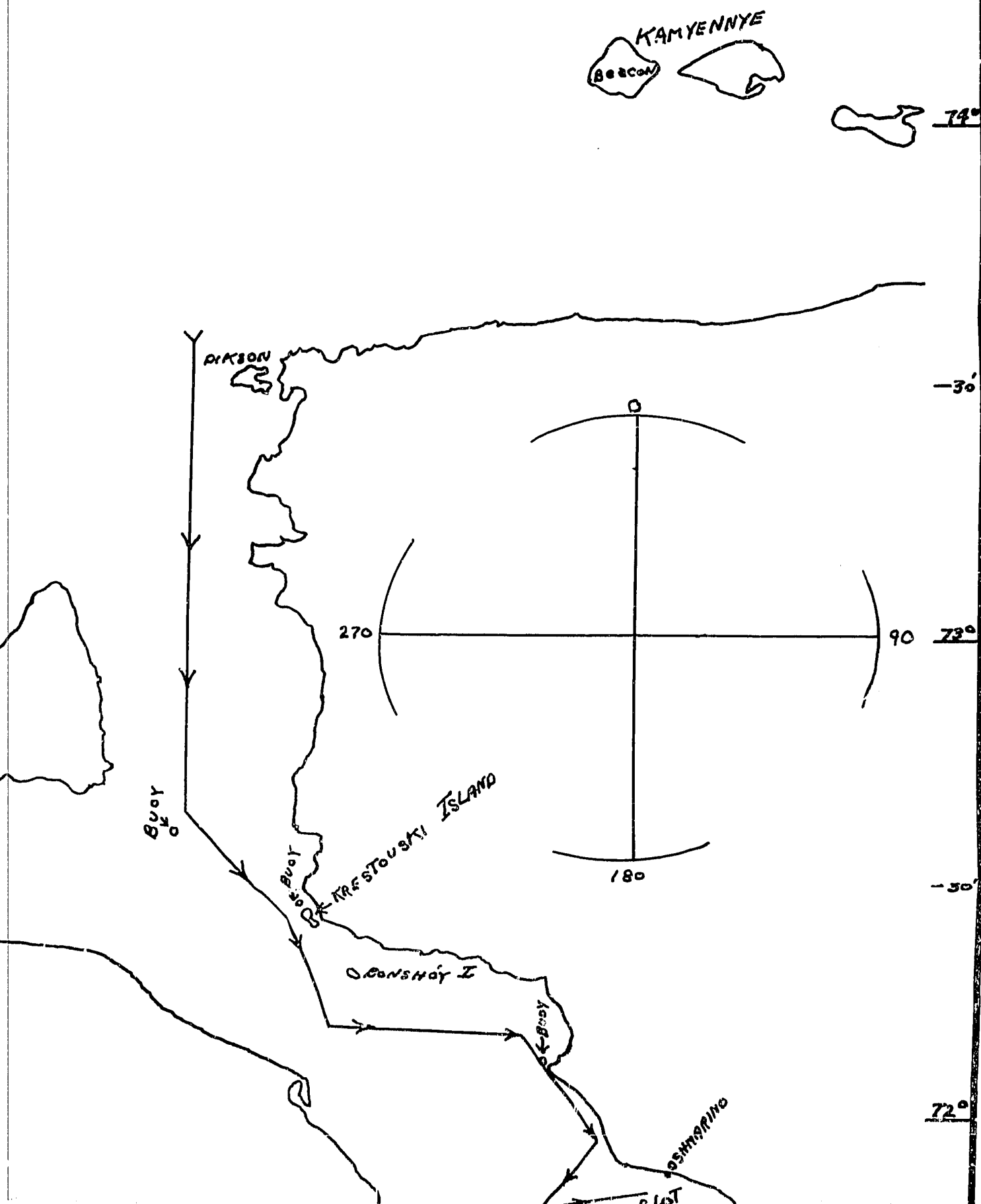
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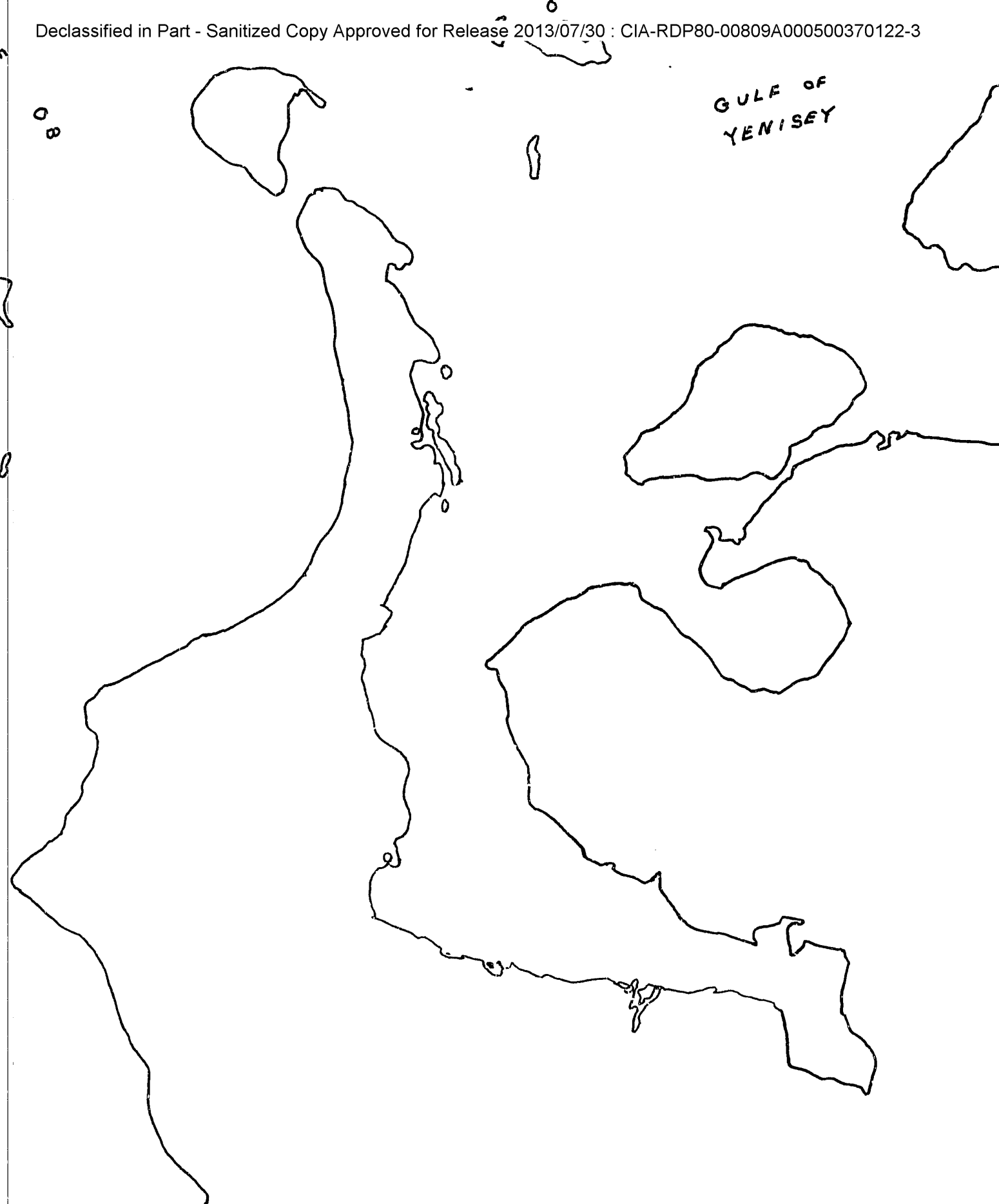
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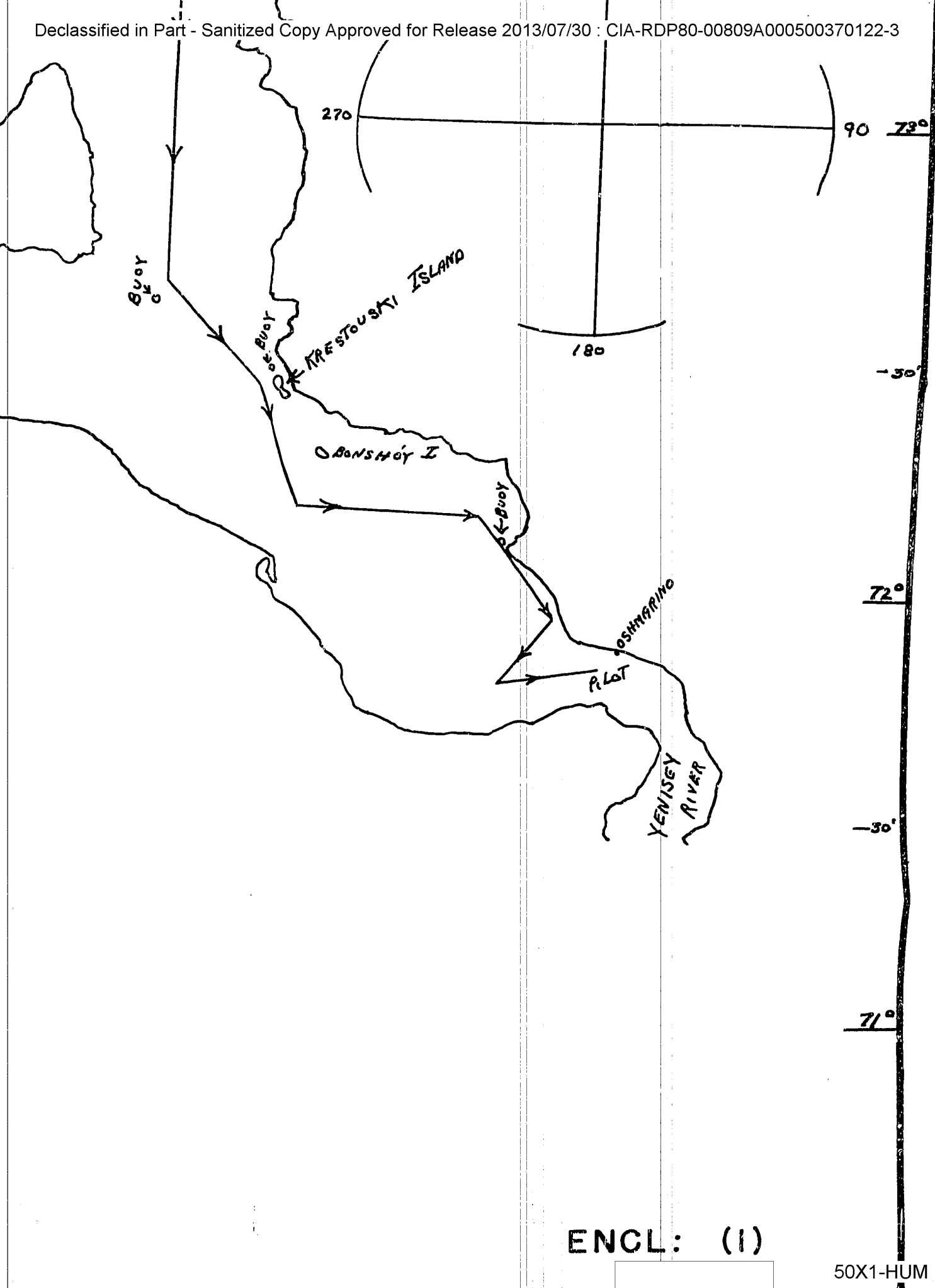
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